

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Christopher Jones, et al.	§		
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Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned	§	Group Art Unit:	Not Yet Assigned
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Filed:	Herewith	§	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
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For:	Method and Apparatus for	§	Confirmation No.:	Not Yet Assigned
	Performing Rapid Isotopic	§		
	Analysis Via Laser Spectroscopy	§		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Att'y Docket No. 1391-27809
Client Ref. No.: 2000-IP-005240US C1
Date: March 1, 2004

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Concurrent with the filing of a continuation application, Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment. Prior to calculating fees and examining this case, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawing begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and the Affidavit of Christopher Jones is attached following page 9 of this paper.